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Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/624,467
 Title: **TOTALLY IMPLANTABLE HEARING PROSTHESIS**
 Inventors: **BERRANG, Peter; et al.**
Applicant: Epic Biosonics Inc.

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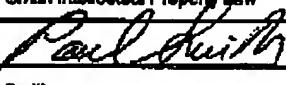
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.